



Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services

FIVE-YEAR HUD CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Draft 2006–2007 Annual Update Ready for Public Review

What is the Consolidated Plan?

Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocates about \$3,000,000 in new federal funds through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs to the City of Roanoke. In order to receive these yearly grants, the City must submit a five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Updates to HUD for approval. The five-year plan describes our City, our priorities and objectives, and the specific funding and activities planned for the first year. For each subsequent year during the five-year period, the City prepares an Annual Update describing the specific activities to be funded that year and the amount of funding apportioned to each activity. The City's current, HUD-approved five-year plan covers the period from July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2010. The complete draft Annual Update for the July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006, period, which is the second year of the current five-year plan, is now available for public review at any of the City's libraries, the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority's main office at 2624 Salem Avenue, NW, and at the City Clerk's office or at the Department of Management and Budget, which are Rooms 456 and 354 in the City Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, SW. A summary of the draft Annual Update is available for review or download by clicking on a link below.



What types of community activities are supported with the CDBG, HOME and ESG funds?

The City has received CDBG funds for over thirty years. These funds assist with housing, economic development, human services, neighborhood and other needs. At least 70% of the funds must benefit low- and moderate-income persons; the remaining amount may be used to reduce or eliminate slums and blight.

Created by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, HOME funds are entirely directed toward providing safe, decent affordable housing for low- and moderate-income persons. HOME can assist such projects as rehabilitation, new construction and improvements to rental housing. HOME funds require a 12.5% match from local cash and non-cash resources.

ESG funds are provided to the City through the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, through a process which may allocate funds intermittently. ESG provides assistance to homeless individuals and families, including assistance to operate and maintain homeless shelters.

How was the 2005–2010 Consolidated Plan developed?

In July 2003, a work group of City staff began reviewing and updating the description of the City contained in the 2000–2005 plan. The work group was soon expanded to include several residents, in order to broaden the perspectives as the group moved from data development to focusing on potential priorities and objectives. The draft priorities and objectives were issued for review and comment to the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates and some 400 other individuals and organizations that had previously indicated an interest in how these funds are used. An initial

public meeting was held in September, 2004, to provide a hands-on opportunity to review the priorities and objectives and offer comments. Information appeared on the City's website from that time until April, 2005. Subsequent public meetings in November, 2004, and January and March, 2005, also provided information to the public on the plan. Copies of the entire plan were then placed for public review at the Department of Management Budget, the City Clerk's Office, the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority, and all seven City public library locations for 30 days. Comments were requested in writing or via e-mail by May 2, 2005. However, the City welcomes and encourages public comments at any time and considers all comments received when updating or amending the plan.

To view the five-year Consolidated Plan, [click here](#).

How was the 2006-2007 Annual Update developed?

HUD allocates new CDBG, HOME and ESG funds to the City each year. In order to receive these new funds, the City must submit to HUD for approval an Annual Update (AU) to the five-year Consolidated Plan, explaining how the funds anticipated to be available for the coming year will be used. The development of the 2006-2007 AU began with a public meeting held November 3, 2005, during which City staff presented information on the five-year priorities and objectives, past performance, funding anticipated and how groups could apply for funding and the selection process. Applications were due January 9, 2006, after which advisory committees composed mostly of community representatives and residents evaluated the requests received. Preliminary funding recommendations from the committees were reviewed by the City Administration, with the results of the reviews forming the basis for the draft AU. A public meeting was held March 30, 2006, to provide information about the draft AU and to receive comments from the community. The complete draft plan is now available for public comment for the 30-day period from April 4th to May 3rd, and may be reviewed at the sites mentioned above. City Council will hold a public hearing on April 27th, in Council's Chambers on the fourth floor of the Municipal Building, at which time interested individuals and groups will also have an opportunity to comment on the draft AU. At its special meeting scheduled for May 9th, City Council will consider approving the draft AU for submission to HUD. As indicated above, the City welcomes and encourages public comments, whether during the scheduled comment period or at any other time.



To review a summary of the draft 2006-2007 Annual Update, [click here](#).

How can I comment on the draft 2006-2007 Annual Update or obtain further information?

You can e-mail your comments by [clicking here](#). Written comments may also be sent to the City of Roanoke, Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services, Room 354 Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Ave. S.W., Roanoke, VA 24011. For additional information, call 540-853-6800.

